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## ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1954.

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### Public Health Officers of the Authority.

*Medical Officer of Health:*

W. WILSON, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.

*Sanitary Inspector (and Surveyor):*

W. V. HARGREAVE, C.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

Royal Sanitary Institute Certificates :

1. Sanitary Inspector.
2. Meat and other foods.
3. Sanitary science as applied to buildings and public works.

*Additional Sanitary Inspector:*

W. G. G. LEWIS.

Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspectors'  
Examination Joint Board.  
(Commenced duty 1st May, 1954).

*Clerk:*

Miss E. BOWES.

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*Divisional Health Office,  
The Poplars,  
Burnby Lane,  
Pocklington.  
September, 1955.*

*To the Chairman and Members of the  
Rural District Council of Norton.*

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour of presenting for your consideration my Annual Report on the health and sanitary circumstances of your District for the year 1954.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking members of the Public Health Committee for their support during the year, and the staff of the Health and other Departments for their co-operation and assistance.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

WM. WILSON,

*Medical Officer of Health.*



# STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres) .. .. .	94,132
Number of inhabited houses (estimate) .. .. .	2,310
Registrar-General's estimate of population .. .. .	7,530
Rateable Value .. .. .	£26,060
Sum represented by a penny rate .. .. .	£101

## VITAL STATISTICS.

Live Births—					Male	Female	Total
Legitimate .. .. .	..	..	..	..	59	60	119
Illegitimate .. .. .	..	..	..	..	—	—	—
					—	—	—
					59	60	119
					—	—	—
Birth Rate .. .. .	..	..	..	..	15.80 per 1,000		
Illegitimate Rate .. .. .	..	..	..	..	Nil.		
Still Births .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1		
Rate per 1,000 of the population .. .. .	..	..	..	..	0.13		
Deaths of infants under one year .. .. .	..	..	..	..	2		
Deaths of infants under four weeks .. .. .	..	..	..	..	2 (included in above)		
Rate per 1,000 live births .. .. .	..	..	..	..	16.8		
					Male	Female	Total
Deaths .. .. .	..	..	..	..	34	35	69
Death rate per 1,000 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	9.16

## COMPARATIVE TABLE OF BIRTH AND DEATH RATES DURING THE YEAR 1954.

Area	Live Births (Rates per 1,000 civilian population)	Deaths	Deaths of children under one year of age, per 1,000 registered live births
England and Wales ..	15.2	11.3	25.5
160 C.B.'s and Great Towns, including London .. ..	16.8	12.05	29.15
160 Smaller Towns ..	15.4	11.3	23.8

## TABLE OF BIRTH, DEATH AND INFANT MORTALITY RATES. NORTON R.D.C.

Year	Actual Birth Rate	Corrected Birth Rate	Actual Death Rate	Corrected Death Rate	Infant Mortality
1948 .. ..	20.6	—	11.5	—	13.6
1949 .. ..	20.3	—	15.4	—	34.7
1950 .. ..	15.2	17.9	11.1	10.1	54.0
1951 .. ..	21.0	24.8	12.7	11.6	44.0
1952 .. ..	19.1	22.5	11.9	10.8	34.5
1953 .. ..	16.39	19.3	10.8	9.8	24.2
1954 .. ..	15.80	17.1	9.16	8.6	16.8

**TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH IN  
NORTON R.D.C., 1954.**

						<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
	All Causes	..	..	..	..	34	35	69
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	..	..	..	..	2	2	4
2.	Tuberculosis, other	..	..	..	..	—	—	—
3.	Syphilitic disease	..	..	..	..	—	—	—
4.	Diphtheria	..	..	..	..	—	—	—
5.	Whooping Cough	..	..	..	..	—	—	—
6.	Meningococcal infections	..	..	..	..	—	—	—
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	..	..	..	..	—	—	—
8.	Measles	..	..	..	..	—	—	—
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	..	..	..	..	1	—	1
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	..	..	..	..	1	1	2
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus	..	..	..	..	1	—	1
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	..	..	..	..	—	—	—
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	..	..	..	..	—	—	—
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	..	..	..	..	3	3	6
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	..	..	..	..	—	—	—
16.	Diabetes	..	..	..	..	—	—	—
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	..	..	..	..	3	6	9
18.	Coronary disease, angina	..	..	..	..	3	1	4
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	..	..	..	..	—	1	1
20.	Other heart disease	..	..	..	..	6	11	17
21.	Other circulatory disease	..	..	..	..	6	1	7
22.	Influenza	..	..	..	..	—	1	1
23.	Pneumonia	..	..	..	..	—	1	1
24.	Bronchitis	..	..	..	..	1	1	2
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	..	..	..	..	—	—	—
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	..	..	..	..	—	—	—
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	..	..	..	..	—	—	—
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	..	..	..	..	—	1	1
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	..	..	..	..	1	—	1
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	..	..	..	..	—	—	—
31.	Congenital malformations	..	..	..	..	—	1	1
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	..	..	..	..	5	2	7
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	..	..	..	..	1	—	1
34.	All other accidents	..	..	..	..	—	1	1
35.	Suicide	..	..	..	..	—	1	1
36.	Homicide and operations of war	..	..	..	..	—	—	—

**TABLE SHOWING AGE AND SEX DISTRIBUTION OF  
DEATHS DURING 1954.**

						<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
0-1	year	..	..	..	..	2	—	2
1-4	years	..	..	..	..	1	—	1
5-14	„	..	..	..	..	—	—	—
15-24	„	..	..	..	..	—	—	—
25-44	„	..	..	..	..	3	3	6
45-54	„	..	..	..	..	—	3	3
55-64	„	..	..	..	..	2	3	5
65-74	„	..	..	..	..	9	8	17
75 +	..	..	..	..	..	17	18	35
Totals						34	35	69

# PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Cases of Infectious Disease (excluding Tuberculosis) notified during the year :—

Acute Pneumonia .. ..	2	(4)
Dysentery .. ..	1	(2)
Erysipelas .. ..	1	(Nil)
Measles .. ..	24	(153)
Puerperal Pyrexia .. ..	1	(Nil)
Scarlet Fever .. ..	5	(5)
Whooping Cough .. ..	7	(5)

(Cases occurring in 1953 are shown in parenthesis).

Cases of infectious disease are admitted, when hospital treatment is necessary, to the Isolation Hospitals at York, Scarborough or Bridlington.

## Tuberculosis.

Twelve new cases of Tuberculosis were notified or came to notice during the year.

There were four deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

At the end of 1954, cases on the Tuberculosis Register were as follows :—

Pulmonary Males .. ..	19
Non-Pulmonary Males ..	9
Pulmonary Females ..	15
Non-Pulmonary Females ..	14
Total ..	57

## Vaccination against Smallpox.

The following table shows the number of persons vaccinated or re-vaccinated during the year 1954 :—

Age at Date of Vaccination	Under 1	1 year	2 to 4	5 to 14	15 or over	Totals
Number vaccinated ..	67	1	—	—	5	73
Number re-vaccinated	—	—	1	—	4	5

## Immunisation against Diphtheria.

The figures for immunisation carried out during the year are as follows :—

### Primary Immunisation.

Aged under 5	Aged 5—14	Total	Reinforcing Injections
125	8	133	10



Of the 125 children under 5 years of age who are shown as having been immunised against Diphtheria, 70 were at the same time immunised against Whooping Cough.

The following table shows the position as regards the total number of children who have been immunised at any one time, and also as regards those who have been immunised or re-immunised during the last five years.

Esti- mated popu- lation under 15 years of age	Number of children who received primary or re-inforcing injections within the last five years				Number immunised more than five years ago	Total immunised at any one time	Per- centage of child popula- tion
	Under 5	5—14	Total	Per- centage of child popula- tion			
1,862	445	969	1,414	75.9	260	1,674	89.9

NOTE.—Children immunised between 1950 and 1954 are presumed to be immune.  
The immunity of children immunised between 1940—1949 must be regarded as doubtful.

## GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT.

### Nursing.

A domiciliary nursing and midwifery service is available throughout the district, as part of the County Council's scheme under the National Health Service Act.

District Nurse Midwives are stationed at Norton, Sherburn, Scagglethorpe, Wetwang and Birdsall.

### Laboratory Facilities.

Bacteriological samples are examined at the Public Health Laboratories situated at Northallerton and Hull.

Routine samples of water are sent to the Laboratory at Hull for examination.

### Ambulance Service.

Ambulances based at Scarborough, Filey and Malton are available and a car for sitting cases is sited at Weaverthorpe.

### Treatment Centres and Clinics.

Child Welfare Clinics are held each month at Sherburn and Rillington.

An Ophthalmic Clinic is held monthly in Norton.

Clinics for the treatment of venereal disease are held each week at York and Scarborough.

## Hospitals.

General medical and surgical cases are admitted to hospitals at Malton, Driffeld, Scarborough and York.

Maternity cases are admitted to the Westow Croft Nursing Home, Westow.

## National Assistance Act, 1948.

*(Omitted from 1953 Report in error).*

Action was taken in the case of a woman aged approximately 57 years and living alone. Her case was brought to the notice of the local authority by the family doctor, as she was suffering from severe chronic ulceration of the legs and had refused treatment. She was mentally confused and there was some doubt as to whether she should be dealt with as a mental case. However, after consultation with the family doctor, it was considered that she was in urgent need of medical treatment and action was taken under the above Act. The magistrates made an Order for three months and this was later extended for a further period of three months.

The person was subsequently certified as being of unsound mind and transferred to a mental hospital.

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

### Water Supply.

Water to the greater part of the district is supplied from four major regional schemes as follows :—

Sherburn Regional	..	Sherburn, Willerby, Ganton, East and West Heslerton, East and West Knapton.
Wintringham Regional	..	Wintringham, Rillington, Scagglethorpe, Scampston, Thorpe Bassett, North Grimston, Settrington.
Wharram Regional	..	Wharram, Duggleby, Kirby Grindalythe, East and West Luttons, Helperthorpe, Weaverthorpe, Foxholes.
Acklam Regional	..	Acklam, Scrayingham, Leppington, Westow, Howsham, Burythorpe, Langton.

Samples of water are submitted for bacteriological examination at intervals.

### Housing.

Number of houses completed between 1945 and the end of 1954 :—

By Local Authority	..	..	..	..	..	302
By Private Enterprise	..	..	..	..	..	80

Houses in course of erection at the end of 1954 :—

By Local Authority	..	..	..	..	..	16
By Private Enterprise	..	..	..	..	..	4

## NORTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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### SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT—OCTOBER, 1955.

*To the Chairman and Members of the  
Norton Rural District Council.*

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The major progress during the year was, I think, the completion of the sewerage schemes at Rillington and Duggleby. These have enabled us to provide houses with satisfactory means of drainage, water-closets and, in many cases, internal water supplies and bathrooms. It has also brought about the abatement of nuisance which caused so much work and worry in connection with the beck at Rillington. We now look forward to similar progress in the case of Sherburn, Weaverthorpe and Foxholes and, so far as housing improvements are concerned, at Leavening.

The Housing Survey was resumed and the records obtained give some reason for thought as to how to tackle this problem, which is likely to be costly, and must by reason of this fact and the scarcity of building labour be considered as a long term problem.

The decontrol of meat supplies and the reopening of private slaughterhouses has caused much extra work and whereas an endeavour has been made by evening visits to prevent dislocation of other work, there are occasions when meat inspection has had to take priority. Fortunately, a very good class of animal is slaughtered throughout the district, mostly local fed and frequently local bred.

It once more gives me pleasure to record my thanks and appreciation to you Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, for your continued interest and support. My thanks are also due to members of the Staff of all departments for their co-operation, and especially to Miss Bowes, the clerk in the Health Department, who has a thorough grasp of the office routine, including works outside the scope of public health, principally Town and Country Planning matters, and this has relieved me considerably.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

W. V. HARGREAVE,  
*Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor.*



## Sanitary Inspections of the Area.

### Notices served :—

Informal Notices served	..	..	..	..	..	31
Informal Notices complied with	..	..	..	..	..	29
Statutory Notices served	..	..	..	..	..	—
Statutory Notices complied with	..	..	..	..	..	—
Letters sent out	..	..	..	..	..	1,184
Complaints received	..	..	..	..	..	14
Complaints confirmed	..	..	..	..	..	12
Interviews	..	..	..	..	..	152

### Synopsis of Inspections made :—

Total number of inspections made	..	..	..	..	1,496
Total number of inspections re-made	..	..	..	..	164

### Dwelling-houses :—

Water supply	..	..	..	..	..	19
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..	..	95
Consolidated regulations	..	..	..	..	..	—
Infectious disease	..	..	..	..	..	6
Overcrowding	..	..	..	..	..	6
Clearance areas	..	..	..	..	..	74

### Sanitary Conveniences :—

Ashpits and privies	..	..	..	..	..	—
Water Closets	..	..	..	..	..	62
Pail and chemical closets	..	..	..	..	..	32

### Refuse Disposal :—

Tips	..	..	..	..	..	19
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### Drains and Sewers :—

Inspections	..	..	..	..	..	179
Cesspools and septic tanks	..	..	..	..	..	41
Water tested	..	..	..	..	..	129
Public urinals	..	..	..	..	..	17

### Shops Act :—

Inspections	..	..	..	..	..	8
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### Factories :—

With mechanical power	..	..	..	..	..	18
Without mechanical power	..	..	..	..	..	17
Outworkers	..	..	..	..	..	—
Building Sites	..	..	..	..	..	32

### Food :—

Inspections	..	..	..	..	..	275
Condemnations	..	..	..	..	..	69

### Food Storage, Preparation, etc. :—

Butchers' shops	..	..	..	..	..	165
Dairies	..	..	..	..	..	7
Fish friers	..	..	..	..	..	12
Ice cream dealers	..	..	..	..	..	30
Slaughterhouses	..	..	..	..	..	310



### Miscellaneous :—

Sewage Works .. .. .	139
Work in progress .. .. .	88
New buildings .. .. .	170
Movable dwellings .. .. .	2
Ponds and water courses .. .. .	47
Rats and mice .. .. .	8
Petroleum licences .. .. .	49
Schools .. .. .	10
Animals and poultry .. .. .	8
Public houses .. .. .	6
Town and Country Planning .. .. .	53

### Summary of Improvements carried out under the Public Health Act, 1936 :—

Accumulations removed .. .. .	4
Eaves spouts renewed .. .. .	17
Drains and cesspools cleansed .. .. .	54
Closets provided and repaired .. .. .	82
Dustbins provided .. .. .	22
Water Supply .. .. .	18
New septic tanks and drainage provided .. .. .	11

### Summary of Improvements carried out under Housing Acts :—

Walls and ceilings repaired .. .. .	19
Fireplaces repaired .. .. .	21
Roofs repaired .. .. .	26
Floors repaired .. .. .	18
Sinks provided .. .. .	14
Yards paved .. .. .	4
Dampness remedied .. .. .	33

### Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

The routine treatment of open ditches has been carried out as usual and has shown a less infestation than previously. This no doubt is due to many more farmers having entered into contracts with the County Agricultural Pests Department for regular treatment of their fields and buildings.

Two small infestations of refuse tips occurred ; these were quickly cleared up.

Six complaints were received during the year and dealt with by our staff. These were in connection with school canteen, railway premises and three private dwellings.

The sewer at Westow was treated on two occasions and proved to be negative.

### Shops Act, 1934.

Eight premises were inspected. No contraventions were noted.

### Camping Sites.

No sites are licensed as such and only four movable dwellings are licensed, these being used as permanent dwellings.

**Offensive Trades.**

There are three Knacker's Yards within the district ; fat melting is carried on at two of these and the preparation of hound food at the third, and it is here that regular treatment has to be exercised against rats, and this year has proved to be highly successful.

**Slaughterhouses.**

The return of slaughtering to the private butchers resulted in five slaughterhouses being licensed. Four of these are owned and used by family butchers and the fifth operates on a wholesale scale preparing carcasses, mostly of sheep and pigs, for markets in Scarborough, Leeds, Birmingham, Nottingham and Smithfield. Further details of the work involved is given under the head " Meat and Food Inspections."

**Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933.**

Thirty-eight persons in the district are licensed under the Act to slaughter animals.

**Schools.**

No further progress has been made in the much needed improvement of sanitary conveniences and washing facilities, but schemes have been submitted by the County Architect for improvements at Rillington, Leavening and Langton. Unfortunately the latter does not provide for water-closets.

**Factories.**

Sixty-seven visits have been made under the Factories Act. In no case was it necessary to take action for contraventions.

**HOUSING.**

1.	Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year.	
	(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) .. .. .	471
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ..	502
	(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected under the Housing Consolidation Regulations 1925 and 1932	Nil
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ..	Nil
	(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation .. .. .	39
	(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects fit for human habitation .. .. .	63
2.	Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notice.	
	Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by Local Authority or their Officers .. .. .	26

3.	Action under Statutory Powers during the year.	
(a)	Proceedings under Section 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.	
(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs .. ..	<i>Nil</i>
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices—	
(a)	by Owners .. .. .	<i>Nil</i>
(b)	by Local Authority in default of Owners ..	<i>Nil</i>
(b)	Proceedings under the Public Health Acts.	
(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied .. .. .	<i>Nil</i>
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices—	
(a)	by Owners .. .. .	<i>Nil</i>
(b)	by Local Authority in default of Owners ..	<i>Nil</i>
(c)	Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.	
(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made .. .. .	<i>Nil</i>
(2)	Number of houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders .. .. .	4
(d)	Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.	
(1)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	<i>Nil</i>
(2)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit .. .. .	<i>Nil</i>

In addition to the above, one dwelling was the subject of an undertaking not to be used for human habitation.

#### **Housing Act, 1936—Part IV—Overcrowding.**

(a)	(1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year (ascertained) .. .. .	7
	(2) Number of families dwelling therein .. ..	9
	(3) Number of persons dwelling therein .. ..	36
(b)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year .. .. .	5
(c)	(1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year .. .. .	8
	(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases ..	38
(d)	Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding ..	<i>Nil</i>
(e)	Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health or Sanitary Inspector may consider it desirable to report	<i>Nil</i>



**Rural Housing Survey.**

A resumption of this work was made possible by the appointment of an additional Sanitary Inspector and 157 houses were surveyed and 57 re-inspected and records brought up to date. The result of the inspection was that 24 houses were found to be in need of repair, 39 were suitable for improvement and 39 totally unfit.

A sub-committee has been appointed to deal with the unfit housing problem and have confirmed the categories in which I have recommended houses should be placed, but no authority has yet been given to the service of notices or to the making of Orders or Clearance Areas. Difficulties arising which cause delay are (i) houses suitable for improvement with grant aid cannot be dealt with until sewers are provided; (ii) the present allocation of new houses and scarcity of labour for building new houses means that very few houses can be demolished per year.

The provision of sewers is proceeding fairly satisfactorily however, and the first difficulty will gradually be overcome.

**INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.**

**Milk Supply—Registration of Persons and Premises.**

Number of premises registered as Dairies	..	..	..	3
Number of registered retail purveyors resident within the District	..	..	..	3
Number of registered retail purveyors resident outside the District	..	..	..	4
Number of inspections of Dairies	..	..	..	15

**Designated Milks.**

The following licences have been granted by the District Council :—

Sterilised (Supplementary)	..	..	..	..	1
(Dealers)	..	..	..	..	3
Pasteurised (Supplementary)	..	..	..	..	1
(Dealers)	..	..	..	..	8
Tuberculin Tested (Supplementary)	..	..	..	..	1
(Dealers)	..	..	..	..	4

**Meat and Other Foods.**

In July when private slaughtering was again permitted, five slaughterhouses were re-opened.

This has caused a good deal of time to be spent on meat inspection and up to the end of the year the following visits were made, 254—of which 41 were in the evening, 2 on Saturday afternoons and 17 on Sundays.

**Number of Animals Slaughtered and Examined.**

<i>Cattle</i> <i>(Ex. Cows)</i>	<i>Cows</i>	<i>Calves</i>	<i>Sheep</i>	<i>Pigs</i>	<i>Total</i> <i>Animals</i>
147	40	Nil	895	78	1,160



Condemnation for Diseases other than Tuberculosis.

	<i>Cows</i>	<i>Bulls</i>	<i>Bul-locks</i>	<i>Hei-fers</i>	<i>Calves</i>	<i>Pigs</i>	<i>Sheep</i>
Whole carcasses . . . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	11
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned . .	3	—	8	3	—	4	31
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis . . . . .	7.5	—	6.7	10.0	—	5.1	3.46
<b>Condemnation for Tuberculosis only.</b>							
Whole carcasses . . . . .	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Parts of carcasses or organs . .	3	—	3	2	—	—	—
Percentage of number inspected affected with tuberculosis . .	10.0	—	3.35	6.66	—	—	—

Total weight of meat and offals condemned amounted to 1 ton, 8 cwts., 2 stones, 8 lbs. All condemned meat and offal is stained green, mutilated and disposed of at either of two knacker's yards, where much of it is cooked for the feeding of cats and dogs.

Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

Registration of premises under Section 14 :—

Ice Cream dealers . . . . .	20
Ice Cream manufacturers . . . . .	<i>Nil</i>
Meat Preparation . . . . .	5
Fish Friers . . . . .	4

Water Samples.

Twenty-four samples of water were submitted for bacteriological examination. Two were of raw water, one was satisfactory and one unsatisfactory. Twenty-two were of treated water, seventeen being satisfactory and five being unsatisfactory. Of the raw waters, one was from a private well and one from a private supply. Of the treated waters, the unsatisfactory samples were from Regional Supplies and it was found that the chlorinators had been temporarily out of order.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

1. Refuse Collection.

The monthly collection of unburnable refuse has continued to function satisfactorily.

2. Sewers, Sewage Disposal, Septic Tanks and Cesspools.

The village of Rillington was provided with a sewer and disposal works during the year. This was a great step forward and resulted in

the conversion of 67 conservancy type closets and modern drainage to 84 premises. There are now only three pail closets remaining in addition to the confirmed Clearance Areas properties. Unfortunately, there are several properties still draining to septic tanks.

All our Sewage works—Westow, Burythorpe, West Heslerton, Sherburn, Staxton, Rillington—are working satisfactorily.

At Duggleby the sewer and disposal plant was completed towards the end of the year and steps were being taken to connect all the Council houses thereto and to convert the chemical closets to water carriage. Letters were also sent to private owners informing them of the facilities offered by the Council.

The Settrington plant is giving a good effluent, but I consider the method of disposing of the sludge to be unsatisfactory, and I think that the plant should have been provided at least with its own sludge beds.

The septic tanks at Weaverthorpe are still demanding regular pumping and it is hoped that the sewerage scheme for the village will meet with approval.

### **3. Open Ditches.**

This work is or should gradually become less as village sewers are provided. The main source of trouble is now at Yedingham, which is very flat and the water in the ditches tends to stagnation. The lower end of the ditch has not been cleansed for some years, owing to difficulty in fixing the responsibility for this work.



